

b) REMARKS - RESPONSE A

Applicants have enclosed herewith two terminal disclaimers and the requisite fees in order to overcome the judicially created obviousness-type double patenting rejections over Claims 1-20 of Kaminsky et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,080,905 and over Claims 1-20 of Kaminsky et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,124,517 each in view of Welborn et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,324,800.

With regard to the rejection of Applicants' claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Kaminsky et al. '905 in view of Welborn et al., Applicants respectfully submit that Kaminsky et al. '905 discloses only a process for removing acetylenics, and therefore is only relevant to the first of the three steps in Applicants' claimed process. Similarly, Welborn et al. discloses only a polymerization process, and therefore is only relevant to the third step in Applicants' claimed process. Neither Kaminsky et al. '905 nor Welborn et al. discloses a process for removing carbon monoxide. Thus, even if Kaminsky et al. '905 and Welborn et al. were properly combined, the resulting combination would not disclose or even suggest the second step of Applicants' claimed process.

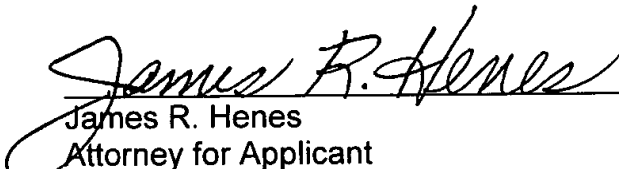
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the references cited by the Examiner do not render Applicants' claimed process obvious.

Applicants are also enclosing herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement listing two U.S. patents that were cited in the International Search Report from the PCT International Searching Authority. The Report was mailed by the Searching Authority on April 10, 2003 and was received by the undersigned's office on April 21, 2003.

In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimers and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants respectfully submit that their claims 1-20 are allowable, and reconsideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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